



### Tasteful Toilet Accessory.

Tasteful little toilet accessories that are decorative as well as useful can be made of pretty napkin rings in China or Japanese bronze, or those ornamental wooden kind often offered for little more than the traditional song. The inside of the ring is fitted with smooth strip of cardboard and well filled with curled hair and then made into pincushion rounded at the top, after which it is covered with some bit of pretty silk or satin. The entire cushion is slipped within the ring, which is ornamental and practical, inasmuch as it stands firmly upon the dressing table and holds the various pins required in making a toilet.

The cover for a China napkin may be of white satin, the top decoration a spider's web in gilt thread. The Japanese bronze ring looks exceedingly well when covered with a small figure of Oriental silk, while the wooden one fills an ample need in satin or silk of the prevailing scheme of the room.

### Girl's Stylish Costume.

A stylish costume was noted the other day, worn by a young girl. It was a dark red velvet suit, verging on the maroon. The jacket had long tails and was caught into the waist line by a belt of white satin, embroidered in design with a buckle in the center of the back. It bloused in front and was close-fitting in the back. Directly down the front and across the back in place of a collar was a strip of the white satin, with the design over it. Across the front, to catch it together, were straps of satin, caught in place by brass buttons. Over the shoulders were two deep capes. The sleeves were finished by a deep frill of heavy white lace. A gray feather boa was worn, and the hat was of velvet to match the suit, having that inevitable ostrich plume across the top, extending to one side, where it was turned up with a strip of wide gold braid and a gold button at the side.—New York Times.

### For the Dinner Table.

Among dining table ornamentations the brown art linen of fine quality has been converted into an additional decoration for the center. This artistic round is of more than ordinary size, is either scalloped, fringed or left plain with a hemstitch, as preferred. The embroidery is one of gay colorings, either in an Oriental design or a rich pointed pattern in which the blended many pastel shades. They can make it of whatever tint of linen desired, from a delicate tan to a dark brown, the needlework making the features either in flower effect, a conventional plan, or bunches of blossoms and field grasses. These center pieces look well on a bare table or with a cloth of solid color, besides being an adornment for the table lamp.

### Fashionable Morning Gown.

Tasteful morning gowns are luxuries and necessities in one and should be included in every wardrobe. This one is adapted to a wide range of materials, but is shown in pale blue chaille figured with black and white, and trimmed with white bands piped with blue. The wide sleeves and the round neck make features of the season, but a stock collar can be added



whenever desired, and the sleeves can be gathered into straight cuffs as shown in the back view. The tucked fronts provide looseness without undue fullness and the half-fitted back is always becoming. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 9 yards 27 or 5 yards 44 inches wide.

A May Manton pattern, No. 4287, sizes 32 to 42, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

### For Evening Wear.

A cheap frock for evening wear may be made of pink china silk that varies in price from 30 to 50 cents a yard and is quite wide. On a full skirt may be laid two groups of narrow ruffles in Vandyck points. Three rows of ruffles may be laid around the middle of the skirt and five or six around the bottom. The points on the skirt left bare by the shaping of the ruffles may be filled in with fan plaits of the silk, with a fine bounce of lace or with ruffles, following the line of the point till the space is filled.

The lace effect is charming, especially if a narrow, full ruffle of lace is sewed all around the edge of the skirt over one of the silk. The lace used can be of a cheap quality, as it is not necessary to use fine lace for ruffles in the bottom of china silk skirts. The use of lace of the color of the skirt is popular and white lace or cream color is combined with it. Colored lace is also used that has a white figure in it.

### Circular Skirt.

Full skirts, that are confined over the hips, yet take soft and graceful folds below, make the latest shown and can be relied upon as the favorites of the coming season. This one is circular and is arranged in small tucks at the upper portion that give a yoke effect, but is left plain at the front, so avoiding unbecoming fullness. The model is made of tan-colored foulard figured with brown and white, and is trimmed with folds of the material stitched with corticelli silk, but all the fashionable clinging materials



4666 Circular Skirt, 32 to 36 waist.

are admirable and trimming can be applied of any sort, little bias frills of the material or anything that may be preferred.

Both skirt and folds are circular and the latter are shaped to fit smoothly over the foundation, which can be tucked at the upper edge as illustrated or arranged in gathers as preferred.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 10 yards 21 inches wide, 8 yards 27 inches wide, or 5 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

The pattern 4666 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-inch waist measure.

### To Clean Velvet.

Stains may frequently be removed by scraping pipelay over the marks in the velvet, and then brushing the powder off lightly with a stiff brush. This will restore the bloom and raise the pile as well. Also, to raise the pile when much crushed, make an iron hot, cover it with a damp cloth and hold the velvet, lining side, over it. The operation cannot be undertaken alone, for while the velvet is being drawn over the hot iron the pile should be whisked with a soft brush. As it is the damp heat which benefits the pile, holding it, lining side, over a basin of boiling steaming water is also effective.

### Oddities in Short Coats.

A good many little short coats of the bolero order have short basques, and, despite its being rather an old fashion, some of them still pouch over back and front. Such trifles as these are entirely matters where the individual figure should be considered, and no hard and fast rule can be laid down. Some women always look best with a pouched bodice, whereas it shortens some types.

### Popular Picture Hat.

A large white chip picture hat, with a flare front brim, is decorated with a wreath of small, half-open rosebuds in white and pale pink. Rose foliage, in which the leaves are scarcely larger than maidenhair fern, trims the under brim. Pale blue ribbon velvet is arranged around the upper side of the brim and a large loop bow of the same is on the under side at the left back.

### Spotted Fabrics in Favor.

A great many spotted fabrics are used, crepe de chine and chiffon being spotted with chenille. These will be a feature of the spring modes. For some time past we have seen white crepe de chine spotted with black; now we have it in a variety of colors. Softer materials will take the place of spotted taffetas.

### Pattern Gowns Will Be the Rage.

Pattern gowns will be all the rage this summer. They are already shown in the shops arrayed in boxes, tied daintily with ribbons, and with cuffs and collars to match. Some also show insertions and applique laces, with a fringe of white linen thread.

### High Collars Again.

Collars are again worn very high, and are boned at the back and sides. It is pleasing to see this neatness about the neck after the floppiness we have put up with for so long.

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## PLAN TO ADJOURN AT EARLY DATE

### Republican Steering Committee to Press the Appropriation Bills.

### ARRANGES ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Matters That May Engender Party Strife Are to Be Pushed to the Rear and Democrats Are to Assume Responsibility for Delay.

Washington dispatch: The Republican steering committee of the senate has decided to press appropriation bills to the front, sidetrack all legislation likely to engender party strife, and then, if the session is prolonged, place the responsibility for the delay on the Democrats.

One of the members of the committee earnestly advocated adjourning by April 15, but it was agreed that this would be impossible. The committee discussed an order of business for the rest of the session and decided to sidetrack the general building measures, the several labor bills, the Hepburn-Dolliver liquor bill and all similar legislation.

#### Executive Clears the Way.

It is said one of the reasons for meeting at this early date was the issuance of an executive order in lieu of service pension legislation, which removed one of the principal factors which might lengthen the session of congress. With this out of the way, and nearly all other obstacles to early adjournment removed, there is believed by the steering committee to be less likelihood for a demand for congressional investigations of the postoffice and other departments.

### INDORSE JAI ALAI.

#### Senators Approve Game for Which Gen. Wood Granted Concession.

Washington dispatch: August senators found jai alai, the game for which Gen. Wood, while military governor of Cuba, granted a concession, highly entertaining, and amused themselves for more than an hour in a merry romp in the senate chamber, behind the screen of an executive session. All the paraphernalia for playing jai alai was assembled and the features of the play were explained by Senators Proctor, Teller, Foraker, Scott, Pettus, Cockrell, Quarles, Blackburn and others, who were initiated by experts who appeared before the military affairs committee when it heard the charges against Gen. Wood. It was explained that the gambling features of the game were not essential, but it was asserted that the company to which Gen. Wood granted the concession to erect a building as headquarters would have made no profit without gambling, and that Gen. Wood knew it. While the senators played, or tried to play jai alai, they continued a running debate in which many participated. Senator Patterson was brought to admit that after spending a day studying the testimony concerning the game he could see no harm in it, and he had expected to oppose confirmation of the nomination, but stronger evidence than that would have to be presented.

### CREDIT FOR DEMOCRATS.

#### Mr. Tawney Says His Party Voted for Anti-Trust Laws.

Washington dispatch: Another hornet's nest was stirred up in the House. Representative Mann, in one of his attacks on the postoffice committee, caused Chairman Overstreet to admit that the appropriations for fuel, light and rent had been utilized to pay for clerk hire, whereupon Mr. Williams bitterly demanded the names of the postoffice department officials who had taken such liberties that they might be impeached. He said the department was "absolutely rotten from turret to foundation." As a reply to this attack, Mr. Southwick of New York had read an editorial from the New York World giving Republicans credit for anti-trust legislation and the merger prosecution. Mr. Williams retorted that Gov. Van Sant forced the administration to take the step, and the Minnesota executive was "an Indian blanket Republican who refused to consult headquarters." Mr. Tawney said every Democrat voted against the anti-trust legislation. Mr. Gaines shouted that the Democrats did vote solidly for the Sherman law, and there was such confusion that he had no chance to reply further.

### Secretary of Arizona.

Washington dispatch: W. T. Nichols has been appointed by the President to be secretary of Arizona to succeed Isaac T. Stoddard. Mr. Nichols is secretary of the territorial Republican organization of Arizona.

### Governor's Wife Is Ill.

Augusta, Ga., dispatch: Ex-Lieut. Winfield T. Durbin, wife of the governor of Indiana and one of the most prominent women in America, is ill. Gov. and Mrs. Durbin have left for Florida and the South.

### Alimony Decision.

Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: The Indiana Appellate court has decided that if a man remarries in that state he cannot reopen an old divorce case to keep from paying alimony.

### Revolutionist Is Checked.

Vienna cablegram: Capt. Rapplo-vitch, leader of a revolutionary committee which had collected a big store of material preparatory to an insurrection, has been compelled to leave his activity.

### Columbus Buys Pitcher.

Columbus, O., dispatch: The Columbus American association baseball team has purchased the release of Pitcher John Mulankey from the Boston National league club.

### WESTERN CANADA HAS AN EXCELLENT CLIMATE.

#### The Saskatchewan Valley Very Highly Favored.

An interesting feature of Western Canada is its climate. Those who have made a study of it speak highly of it. The Canadian Government Agents are sending out an Atlas, and at the same time giving valuable information concerning railway rates, etc., to those interested in the country. As has been said, the climate is excellent. The elevation of this part of Canada is about 1,800 feet above the sea, about twice that of the average for Minnesota. It is a very desirable altitude. The country has a very equable climate taking the seasons through. The winters are bright and the summers are pleasantly warm. R. F. Stupard, director of the meteorological service for Canada, says:

"The salient features of the climate of the Canadian northwest territories are a clear, bracing atmosphere during the greater part of the year, and a medium rainfall and snowfall. The mean temperature for July at Winnipeg is 66, and Prince Albert 62. The former temperature is higher than at any part of England, and the latter is very similar to that found in many parts of the southern countries."

At Prince Albert the average daily maximum in July is 76 and the minimum 48. Owing to this high day temperature with much sunshine, the crops come to maturity quickly.

Moisture is ample in the Saskatchewan valley, being about 18 inches annually. It is notable that about 75 per cent of the moisture falls during the crop months. Thus, Western Canada gets as much moisture when it is needed and with several hours more sunshine daily than land further south gets during the growing season, it is not difficult to understand why crops mature quickly and yield bountifully.

Winter ends quickly, sowing is done during April and sometimes in March. Harvest comes in August, about the middle. Cyclones, blizzards, dust and sand storms are unknown.

### Salzer's Home Builder Corn.

So named because 50 acres produced so heavily, it is the proceeds built a lovely home. See Salzer's catalog. Yielded in 1903 in Ind., 157 bu., Ohio 160 bu., Tenn. 88 bu., and in Mich. 220 bu. per acre. You can beat this record in 1904.

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120 bu. Beardless Barley per acre.  
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Corn—rich, juicy fodder, per acre.  
Now such yields you can have. Mr. Farmer, in 1904, if you will plant Salzer's seeds.

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### Mark Twain and the Snobs.

Mark Twain and W. D. Howells were one day lunching in a cafe in New York. Two over-dressed young men entered, and the first said in a loud voice: "Waiter, bring me some bisque of lobster, a bottle of wine and a chop. Just mention my name to the cook, too, so that everything will be done to my liking." The second young man said: "Bring me some sole with peas, and tell the cook who it's for." Mr. Twain gave his order a moment later. He said in a loud voice: "Bring me a half dozen oysters, and mention my name to each of them."

### Japanese Viscountess.

Viscountess Hayashi, wife of the Japanese ambassador to England, is a very charming member of the diplomatic circle, and both she and her husband possess hosts of friends. She owns the quaint and pretty name Misao. On certain days during the season the Japanese legation in Grosvenor Gardens sees an influx of Japanese visitors, who are entertained after the fashion of the far East with curious cake and native dishes, and Japanese tea. Viscountess Hayashi is an exceedingly cultivated woman, who shares her husband's love of England. The Japanese ambassador was, indeed, educated in England, and is a D. C. L. of Oxford university.

### DOCTOR DID IT.

#### Put on 36 Pounds by Food.

Feed a physician back to health and he gains an experience that he can use to benefit others. For this reason Grape-Nuts food is daily recommended to patients by hundreds of physicians who have cured themselves of stomach trouble. One doctor says:

"Although a physician and trying to aid and assist my fellow beings to enjoy good health it must be admitted I formerly did not enjoy the best of health myself. In January, 1899, I only weighed 119 pounds. At this time I was living in the Ohio Valley and began to think I had about seen my best days. One day about 3 years ago I had an opportunity to try Grape-Nuts food for my breakfast. I liked it so well that I ate three teaspoons three times a day and have regularly used it up to the present time, and I now weigh 155, a gain of 36 pounds and enjoy the best of health."

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## ILLINOIS NEWS

Choose items from over the state, specially selected for our readers

### COUNTY CLERK IS ACQUITTED

#### Belleville Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of George K. Thomas.

A jury in Belleville, before whom was tried indictments against George K. Thomas, county clerk of St. Clair county, returned a verdict of not guilty. The last grand jury returned nine indictments against Thomas, charging him with having embezzled money supposed to belong to the county and ordered paid to various state institutions for the keeping of county charges. It appears that the state institutions have been accustomed to render bills to the county monthly. These bills, it is alleged, would be allowed by the board of supervisors and a warrant drawn for the amount. It was charged by the special committee that Thomas, instead of paying the money as ordered, indorsed the county warrants and cashed them and appropriated the money to his own use. At the end of three months the institutions which had not received their money would render a statement to the county, including the monthly bill and the balance due from back account in one sum, and this would be allowed by the county board and turned over to the institutions to which it was due. The defense claimed that Thomas cashed the county orders and in their stead mailed his personal check to the state institutions for the amounts due.

### GIVES UP HIS SHARE OF ESTATE

#### Prefers to Be Witness to Will and Relinquish Right to \$2,000.

The will of Joseph Fiel, who died a year ago, bequeathed \$2,000 to his favorite cousin, Anton P. Schulte, who was also one of the witnesses to the will. When the instrument was offered for probate in the Adams county court Schulte was notified that his act in witnessing the will barred him from any of its benefits. He was given his choice to withdraw his name as witness and contest for his share or to let the will stand and waive all claim as the beneficiary. He chose the latter position and the amount named as his bequest will go to relatives in Germany.

### Reports on Drinking Water.

Dr. John H. Long, expert chemist of the state board of health, has completed his analysis of the drinking water of every city in the state with over 5,000 population. In Belleville the water was found to be of high standard. Of other cities in southern Illinois the report says: "Alton, filtering evidently poor; Cairo, safe condition by filtration; Carlinville, common river water, but not dangerous; East St. Louis, chemical results, like most river water; Edwardsville, not condemned; Madison, average water; Carrollton, seems to be good."

### Improvements at Piasa Chautauqua.

The course of the creek at Piasa Chautauqua, passing through that summer resort, will be changed to make place for modern improvements. General Manager Gridley of the Bluff line, with officers of the Chautauqua, decided upon moving the outlet of the creek about 600 feet up the river by straightening the channel so as to throw it on the west side of the new hotel. The bed of the old creek will be turned into a bathing pool, to be covered with a pavilion, adjoining the hotel. Contracts for building the pool and pavilion have been let.

### Murder Is Charged.

Chester Stahling was arrested at the Alton glass works by Deputy Sheriff Truitt of Green county on a charge of murder. Stahling had been working in Alton since a few days after he is alleged to have committed the crime. With his brother-in-law Stahling is charged with the murder of his cousin.

### Gets Blood Poison From Corpse.

William Balhorn, an undertaker, died at Granite City from blood poisoning, having contracted the disease several days before while handling a dead body. Mr. Balhorn was 38 years of age and formerly a member of the board of aldermen of Venice.

### Costly Fire in Barn.

A large barn belonging to Robert W. Craig, a farmer living five miles north of Marshall, has been destroyed by fire. All the contents were burned, including six horses and five brood sows. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

### Engineer Is Scalded to Death.

John W. Stucke, a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway engineer, was killed in a wreck two miles out of Beardstown. Mr. Stucke was caught under the wreckage and the water from the burst boiler scalded him, life soon being extinct.

### Sand for Glass.

H. J. Bowman of Alton is preparing to open what appears to be an inexhaustible supply of white sand for making glass on his place near Delhi. A switch will be built and work of taking out sand will be started shortly.

### Prepare to Build Power House.

Engineer Smith has a force of workmen at Okawville surveying for the proposed power house of the Southern Two power houses are to be located in the county, Irvington on the eastern boundary, to have the other.

### Protect the River Banks.

The Messrs. Niedringhaus have a force of men at work at the north end of Gaberel slough at Granite City, where they intend to plant thousands of cottonwood trees to prevent washing away of the banks by the Mississippi river.

### Sunday School in Depot.

The depot at Quincy formerly used by the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroad has been converted into Sunday school rooms for the use of the First Baptist church.

### TRIES TO BURN NEW-BORN BABE

#### Sad Plight of Young Woman Who Tries to Conceal Her Shame.

Gusta Simek, 21 years of age, who came to Edwardsville from Bohemia four months ago and has been living with the family of Martin Mockler, was held by a coroner's jury on the charge of murdering her newly-born babe. She will be held for the grand jury. The woman was discovered poking the kitchen stove, and when others attempted to discover the cause she became violent. An officer was called, but before he arrived Mr. Mockler and a friend had succeeded in taking the body of a child from the stove burned to a crisp. To several Bohemian friends the woman stated that she was so frightened that she burned the remains to conceal the fact. She also stated that the father of the child lived in Bohemia and had sent her to this country, promising to follow her in a short time, and that she had learned that he has since joined the army. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the "infant came to its death through the criminal intent of the mother to dispose of it, and her efforts to burn its body, and that the mother is Gusta Simek of Edwardsville."

### CARRIES COAL TO NORTHWEST

#### Jacksonville Line Is an Important Feeder to the "Q." System.

Since the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company has secured the control of the Jacksonville line into Centralia, the latter has developed into quite a freight line, especially in carrying southern Illinois coal to the northwest. A coal traffic arrangement has been made with the Illinois Central by which this road brings from the South sixty cars of coal daily, delivering them to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road at Centralia, and receives from the latter road every day a train load of empty flat cars to be loaded. The interchange of traffic has become so heavy that additional transfer tracks had to be put in.

### Home Protective Association.

The East St. Louis Home Protective association has been organized. N. L. Clananah was elected president, Charles McCasland vice president, J. B. Sikking secretary and Walter Beck with treasurer. The object of the association is said to be to keep saloons out of the residence districts. A resolution was offered that the city council should not grant a saloon license unless the application be accompanied by a petition signed by two-thirds of the property owners in the block in which the saloon is to be located.

### Babe Dies of Measles.

Violet Charlotte Lox, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lox of Bethalto, is dead. The child was suffering from measles, and the mother says she sent for a physician, but was unable to pay the fee. About 3 o'clock in the morning the mother was aroused by the child asking for something to eat, and two hours later, when the mother again awoke she found her little daughter dead beside her in bed.

### Non-Alcoholic Elections.

Woodrider township is being agitated by the advocates and the opponents of a proposition to abolish the practice of electioneering by giving away beer. The movement in favor of non-alcoholic campaigns started in Upper Alton. Since it was begun another movement has been started against candidates who agree to the proposition.

### To Restock Dead Creek.

Andrew Morgan of Rush City, a suburb of East St. Louis, announces that he has secured a large consignment of game fish from the state hatcheries with which to restock Dead creek, which for many years has been one of the famous fishing grounds of the East Side.

### C. E. Election.

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society of Cairo has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Jennie Dewey; vice president, Miss Eliza Halliday; secretary, Miss Carrie Rule; treasurer, Miss Frances Bennett.

### Tricounty Institute.

The tricounty institute of the W. C. T. U. of Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties will be held at Mound City on Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1. Mrs. Mary E. Hopper of Chicago will be the leader.

### Two Sent to Asylum.

Ellis Hoelscher, aged 18, and Michael Ranney, aged 30 years, of Quincy, have been adjudged insane and sent to this asylum at Jackson-ville.

### Adds to Its Population.

The territory southeast of Springfield, bounded by Ash and Tenth streets and East and South Grand avenue, has been annexed to the city. It includes about 200 houses and has a population of about 2,000.

### Protects Home Labor.

The Alton city council has decided to insert in every improvement contract hereafter a clause requiring contractors to pay not less than \$1.75 per day, and to give Alton labor the preference.

### Log Rolling at St. Louis.

The Woodmen of America will hold a general meeting and logrolling in East St. Louis on the afternoon and evening of April 6. Committees of arrangement were appointed at the last meeting of various branches of the order.

### Naval Militia Contest.

The Alton naval militia boys have started preliminary work for a medal offered by Lieut. Boals of the Alton division.

### DOES NOT OPPOSE J. MITCHELL.

#### Secretary Ryan Declares He Is an Admirer of Miners' President.

Reports have been circulated in some of the larger cities that the reason Secretary William D. Ryan of the United mine workers in Illinois opposed the acceptance of the operators' ultimatum for a reduction in wages was that he desired to supplant John Mitchell as national president. He was asked: "Mr. Ryan, have you anything to say in regard to the rumor sent out from Chicago that you are taking this stand against accepting the compromise scale offered by the operators in the hope that if it is rejected President Mitchell will resign and that you may be made the national president at the end of this term?" Mr. Ryan replied: "Emphatically, I am not. I never dreamt of such a thing. I have no aspiration to that position. I have always been an admirer and ardent supporter of John Mitchell. Results may show that President Mitchell is right. It may be that our judgment was mistaken in taking a different view. I hope that time will show this is the case. John Mitchell will never have a stancher supporter than I, and there is no man I hold in higher esteem."

### VAIN ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE DOG

#### Illinois Farmer Tries to Evade the British Customs Officers.

James Chessen, a Madison county farmer and noted animal trainer, has been going through an expensive experience as the result of his attempt to smuggle into England his pet dog, Tommy, when he went there for a visit to his birthplace. Tommy is a pretty little French poodle, which has been taught to perform almost incredible tricks. Chessen tried to get the animal past the customs officers, but the dog was seized, although Chessen settled up, and is being kept a period of six months in order that any latent germs of the rabies may be given opportunity to develop. Chessen sent back word that he has been paying \$5 a week for his dog while it is in quarantine, and is waiting in England to get his pet back. Chessen trains animals as a pastime on his farm east of Alton.

### Runaway Boy Foils Police.

Willie Thomas, aged 10, who was picked up on the streets of Belleville by the police and who admitted being a runaway, but claimed that he had boarded a train at Benton, Ill., to sell papers, was furnished transportation by the Belleville police. The boy had no sooner left than John Thomas of East St. Louis, father of the boy, arrived in Belleville. Mr. Thomas told the police chief that he had been cleverly worked by the boy. He said, however, that the lad's grandmother lived at Benton and he had doubtless run away from home to visit her.

### New College President.

Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, pastor of the Free Methodist church of Greenville has been elected president of Greenville college by the board of trustees and has filed his conditional acceptance, which has not been finally passed upon by the executive committee, in whose hands it is. If the election stands Rev. Whitcomb will succeed Dr. W. T. Hogue, who recently resigned.

### Select New Principal.

The board of trustees of Greenville college has elected Prof. Sherman Cooper of Evansville, Wis., to the principalship of the business department.